

Thomas Riley Marshall papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Marshall, Thomas Riley, 1854-1925
Title	Thomas Riley Marshall papers
Date	1863-1934
Extent	5.0 Cubic feet 6 manuscript boxes, 1 large oversize box, 16 volumes
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Thomas Riley Marshall was born on March 14, 1854 in North Manchester, Indiana, to Daniel M. and Martha A. Patterson Marshall. He received an A.B. degree (1873) and an A.M. degree (1876) from Wabash College. In 1875, he was admitted to the Indiana bar and began practicing law in Columbia City, Whitley County, Indiana. He was a partner in the firm Marshall, McNaghy, and Clugston. In 1878, Marshall was engaged to Catherine Hooper, but she died the day before their wedding. Marshall remained a bachelor until 1895 when he married Lois Kimsey. They were a happy and devoted couple despite the nearly twenty-year age difference. Lois accompanied him throughout his campaigns for governor and vice-president.

Although active in local Democratic politics, Marshall was still a Columbia City lawyer when elected Governor of Indiana in 1908. In 1912, Marshall received the Democratic nomination for vice-president, sharing the ticket with Woodrow Wilson. They won the election and were re-elected in 1916. Marshall served as vice-president until 1921, taking a more hands-on role following Wilson's illness in 1919. Marshall continued to be a popular public speaker after leaving office and was extremely active in the Masons throughout his life. His autobiography, *Recollections of Thomas Riley Marshall*, was published posthumously. He died on June 1, 1925 in Washington, D.C.

Post, Margaret Moore. *First Ladies of Indiana and the Governors, 1816-1984*. Indianapolis: Pierson Publishing Company, 1984.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes materials dating from 1863 to 1934, although the bulk of the materials date from 1868 to 1925. Materials include Marshall's speeches on Democratic politics and state and national affairs (1880's-1925); speeches to Masons and other fraternal organizations; speeches on law, schools, and history; and a manuscript draft of his *Recollections*. The correspondence covers his political affairs (1908-1925); letters of condolence written at his death (1925); and family correspondence from Lewis County, Missouri (1860's). Also included are addresses and messages as Governor to the state legislature (1909-1913); invitations, programs, menus, inauguration materials, and other memorabilia as vice-president (1913-1921); Marshall's school compositions and notebook from Wabash College (1868-1872); and various political books.

The scrapbooks contain clippings of family news (1890's); newspaper stories on his gubernatorial campaign (1908); newspaper stories on the presidential campaign of Woodrow Wilson (1912) and his terms as vice-president (1913-1921); his newspaper columns on foreign affairs and current events

(1921-1922, 1925); his obituaries (1925); and Marshall's collection of political cartoons. Clippings within each scrapbook are not necessarily in chronological order.

The oversized folders primarily contain certificates received by Marshall as a Mason and throughout his political career.

Correspondents include Evangeline Booth, William E. Borah, William Jennings Bryan, Baron de Cartier, Calvin Coolidge, Stephen A. Douglas, Sir Auckland Geddes, Solomon B. Griffin, Warren G. Harding, Thomas A. Hendricks, Jules Jusserand, Helen Keller, Robert Lansing, Meredith Nicholson, John J. Pershing, Albert C. Ritchie, Elihu Root, William Howard Taft, Henry Van Dyke, Edith Bolling Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by format, chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall on 1931/11/04, 1931/12/14, and 1938/09/19, Mr. Donald Frank on 1987/06/03, and Bernice Carver 1881/10/27 and 1881/12/13.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2005/12 by Christina Baich. EAD finding aid created 2017/12/07 by Lauren Patton.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Democratic Party (Ind.).
- Democratic Party (U.S.).

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

Subject(s)

- Freemasons--Indiana
- Governors--Indiana
- Inauguration
- Law practice--Indiana
- Lawyers--Indiana
- Political campaigns--20th century
- Vice-Presidents--United States

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1863-1908	1	1
Correspondence, 1909-1911	1	2
Correspondence, 1912	1	3
Correspondence, 1913-1921	1	4
Correspondence, 1922	1	5
Correspondence, 1923-1924	1	6
Correspondence, 1925-1932	1	7
Speeches and writings, 1868-1880	1	8
Speeches and writings, 1884	1	9
Speeches and writings, 1884-1889	1	10
Speeches and writings, 1890-1907	1	11
Speeches and writings, 1908	1	12

Speeches and writings, 1908-1909	1	13
Speeches and writings, 1910	1	14
Speeches and writings, 1912	1	15
Speeches and writings, 1912	1	16
Speeches and writings, 1913	2	1
Speeches and writings, 1918-1920	2	2
Speeches and writings, 1921	2	3
Speeches and writings, 1921	2	4
Speeches and writings, circa 1921	2	5
Speeches and writings, 1922	2	6
Speeches and writings, circa 1921-1925	2	7
Speeches and writings, circa 1920-1925	2	8
Speeches and writings, circa 1921-1925	2	9
Speech and writings, undated fragments	2	10

Speeches and writings on legal topics, undated	2	11
Speeches and writings on legal topics, undated	3	1
Speeches and writings on prominent men, undated	3	2
Speeches and writings on religious topics, undated	3	3
Speeches and writings on religious topics, undated	3	4
Speeches and writings on misc. topics, undated	3	5
Speeches and writings on misc. topics, undated	3	6
Speeches and writings on misc. topics, undated	3	7
Speeches given at schools, undated	3	8
Speeches given at schools, undated	3	9
Writings on special days, undated	3	10
Miscellaneous papers, 1873-1921, undated	3	11
Funeral sermons for Marshall's parents, 1892 and 1894	3	12
Bureau of Political Research bulletins, 1921 June-November	4	1

Bureau of Political Research bulletins, 1921 December-1922 February	4	2
Recollections typescript, Title Page to Chapter 7, undated	4	3
Recollections typescript, Chapter 8 to 13, undated	4	4
Recollections typescript, Chapter 14 to 22, undated	4	5
Recollections typescript, Chapter 23 to 30, undated	4	6
Recollections typescript, A to H, undated	4	7
Recollections typescript, I to O, undated	4	8
Memorial address, 1925 June	4	9
Biographical sketch, 1934 April	4	10
The Whig Almanac, 1854	4	11
Notebook at Wabash College, 1870	4	12
Programs, 1870-1922, undated	5	1
Other memorabilia, 1890-1925, undated	5	2
National Democratic Club annual dinner, Jefferson Day, 1909/04/13	5	3

The Democratic Text-Book, 1912	5	4
Visiting War Mission to the U.S. Proceedings in the Senate and House, 1917	5	5
Vases Presented by the Republic of France - Proceedings in the Senate of the U.S., 1918/09/24	5	6
Impressions in Limerick of the U.S. Senate by a Lady in the Gallery, 1920	5	7
Diplomatic passport, 1922	5	8
Book of sketches about Marshall, 1930-1931	6	1
Notepad, undated	6	2
Personal and professional oversize papers, 1876-1919	7	1
Oversize newspaper clippings, 1901-1924, undated	7	2
Freemasonry oversize papers, 1898-1926	7	3
		Volume
Scrapbook, 1861 June-1894 December	V095-001	
Scrapbook, 1908 Feb.-1908 June	V095-002	
Scrapbook, 1908 June-1909 Jan.	V095-003	

Scrapbook, 1909-1910	V095-004
Scrapbook, 1911	V095-005
Scrapbook, 1912	V095-006
Scrapbook, 1912	V095-007
Scrapbook, 1913	V095-008
Scrapbook, 1914	V095-009
Scrapbook, 1915	V095-010
Scrapbook, 1916	V095-011
Scrapbook, 1921 Apr.-1923 Dec.	V095-012
Scrapbook, 1924-1925	V095-013
Scrapbook, 1925	V095-014
Scrapbook, 1925	V095-015
Family bible, circa 1863-1934	V095-016